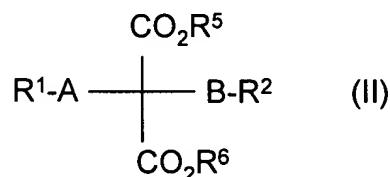


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A malonic acid ester derivative of Formula II



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a hydrate thereof,

wherein,

A is absent; and

B represents a group of the formula $-(\text{CH}_2)_n-$, wherein

n is 1;

R^1 represents a phenyl or a benzyl group, said phenyl and benzyl groups being substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, ~~alkyl, amino, nitro, and cyano, alkoxy and phenyl;~~

R^2 represents a mono-heterocyclic aromatic group selected from the group consisting of isoxazolyl, and pyridinyl, ~~thienyl and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl,~~ said isoxazolyl, and pyridinyl, ~~thienyl and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl~~ being unsubstituted or substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of being substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, trihalogenmethyl, alkyl, amino, nitro, cyano, alkoxy and phenyl; and

R^5 and R^6 , independently of each another, represents alkyl.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 2, wherein R¹ represents a phenyl or a benzyl group, said phenyl and benzyl groups being substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of ~~alkyl, alkoxy,~~ halogen, CF₃, CN, ~~amino,~~ and nitro.

7. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein R¹ represents ~~2,3 or 4-alkylphenyl; 2,3 or 4-alkylbenzyl; 2,3 or 4-alkoxyphenyl; 2,3 or 4-alkoxybenzyl; 2,3 or 4-chlorophenyl; 2,3 or 4-chlorobenzyl; 2,3 or 4-fluorophenyl; 2,3 or 4-bromobenzyl; 2,3 or 4-bromophenyl; 2,3 or 4-aminophenyl; 2,3 or 4-aminobenzyl; 2,3 or 4-nitrophenyl; 2,3 or 4-nitrobenzyl; 2,3 or 4-trifluoromethylphenyl; 2,3 or 4-trifluoromethylbenzyl; 2-nitro-4-trifluoromethyl-5-chlorophenyl and/or 2-nitro-4-trifluoromethyl-5-chlorobenzyl.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 6, wherein the mono-heterocyclic group is selected from the group consisting of 3-, 4- or 5-isoxazolyl, and 2-, 3- or 4-pyridinyl, ~~and 2- or 3-thienyl.~~

10. (Withdrawn) The compound according to claim 9, wherein the mono-heterocyclic group is 4-(3,5-demethyl)-isoxazolyl.

11. – 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 6, herein the heteroalkyl group is pyridinyl-methyl.

15. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 2, wherein the chemical compound is

Diethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-4-yl-methyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-(5-chloro-2-nitro-4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)-2-(pyridin-3-yl-methyl)malonate;~~

~~Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-[(benzotriazol-1-yl)methyl]malonate;~~

~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)malonate;~~

~~Diethyl 2-(2-thienyl)-2-(2-chlorobenzyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-ylmethyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(benzotriazol-1-ylmethyl)malonate;~~

~~Diethyl 2-(4-methyl-phenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;~~

Diethyl 2-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

~~Diethyl 2-(2-bromobenzyl)-2-(4-nitrophenyl)malonate;~~

Di-t-butyl 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

Diethyl 2-(4-fluorophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

or

Diethyl 2-(4-aminophenyl)-2-(pyridin-2-yl-methyl)malonate;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a hydrate thereof.

16. – 25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 2, wherein R² represents a 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group selected from the group consisting of isoxazolyl, and pyridinyl, ~~thienyl and 1,2,3-benzotriazolyl~~, said 5- or 6-membered mono- or poly-heterocyclic group being unsubstituted or substituted one or two times with substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, CF₃, CN, ~~amine~~ and nitro.